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New Maxico Environmental Inprotesent Division P.O. Eox 968 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Re: Notice of a bestiel baid and other barmful degradation of the Adoma Paeble's denestic value capply.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of an article entitled "Benestake, EPA reach accord on subdivision water," from the Granus Daily Beacon, dated June 17, 1983, concerning the effect that the nomestake Mining Company tailings dump at Milan, New Mexico, is having upon the ground water supply for the domestic wells that serve the surrounding communities.

The elevated levels of selenium caused by the Homestake tailings dump in that area is so dangerous to the population of those communities that bottled water is being provided to the resident; and another source of domestic supply is being provided for residents of the surrounding communities. That contamination of the ground water supply is of serious concern to this Pueblo, because the ground water affected is part of the alluvium of the Rio State of the alluvium of that river is also the source of our domestic water supply, and even though we are located 12 to 15 miles downstream from the communities in question, that contaminated water is obviously moving through the allivium in our direction. It is only a matter of time until we will be affected unless the matter is cleaned up. We have inspected the site, and our concern has increased.

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Because of our great concern and the direct impact on our water supply that may occur, we ask that we be given all of the available information on this subject. We also request a copy of all plans designed to correct the situation together with an explanation of all decisions that are made on the matter.

We note that the EPA has engaged in an agreement with the Homestake Kining Company that includes a program for cleaning up the aquifor and correcting the effect that the Company's failings dump has upon the aquifer. We note also that a plan to correct this seriou detented aquifer. We note also that a plan to have Mexico Environmental gradation problem has been submitted to the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Division (EID).

Please send us copies of the Mining Company's agreement with the and a copy of the all plans for the proposed clean-up program, and any other documents that explain the situation or that will explain the action taken by the EPA or the EID on this subject.

We will appreciate your cooperation in sending us the required information, plus notifying us of any hearings in which we may participate to determine the potential effect of this pollution upon our water supply.

Our Indian Pueblo expects your agency, as the concerned agency of the State Government, to fulfill the State's responsibility to protect our domestic water supply from the toxic and other harmful substances from this mine tailings dump. In addition, we note that substances from this mine tailings dump. In addition, we note that there are other mining activities in this area whose effluent is there are other mining activities in this area whose effluent is there are other mining activities in this area whose effluent is there are other mining activities in this area whose effluent is there are other mining activities in this area whose effluent is there are other mining activities in this area whose effluent is the Rio San Jose. That effluent, over a period of time, can distinctly affect the alluvium from which we draw our domestic and agreedly affect the alluvium from which we draw our domestic and agreedly affect the alluvium from which we draw our domestic and agreedly affect the alluvium from which we draw our domestic and agreedly affect the alluvium from which we draw our domestic and agreedly affect the alluvium from which we draw our domestic and agreedly affect the alluvium from which we draw our domestic and agreedly affect the alluvium from which we draw our domestic and agreedly affect the alluvium from which we draw our domestic and agreedly affect the alluvium from which we draw our domestic and agreedly affect the alluvium from which we draw our domestic and agreedly affect the alluvium from which we draw our domestic and agreedly affect the alluvium from which we draw our domestic and agreedly affect the alluvium from which we draw our domestic and agreedly affect the alluvium from which we draw our domestic and agreedly affect the alluvium from which we draw our domestic and agreedly affect the alluvium from which we draw our domestic and agreedly affect the alluvium from which we draw our domestic and agreedly affect the alluvium from which are agreedly affect the alluvium from the agreedly aff

We ask that you work with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Albuquerque Area Director, Albuquerque Area Office, Albuquerque, New Mexico, in fulfilling the responsibilities of the State toward this Pueblo to protect our water supplies from the adverse effects of all toxic and unlawful degradation emanating from all the mining activities identified above.

Your response to this matter and a explanation of the steps that you believe are adequate to protect the quality of our water supply would be appreciated. A copy of your response to us should be divected to our attorneys: Ortega & Snead P.A., 201 12th St. N.W.,

Alloopergue, N.M. 87102, Phone No. (505) (A2 3177) and Throld Ranguist, 211 12th St. N.W., Albuque, e.g., S.M. 27102, Phone N. (505) 247-1144. We wish to keep them invited on the program in this matter. They are our representatively at fill be participatively the protection of our water supply.

We do appreciate jour efforts in our behalf.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ortega & Snead Area Director's Office, AAO S.P.A. Earold A. Ranquist

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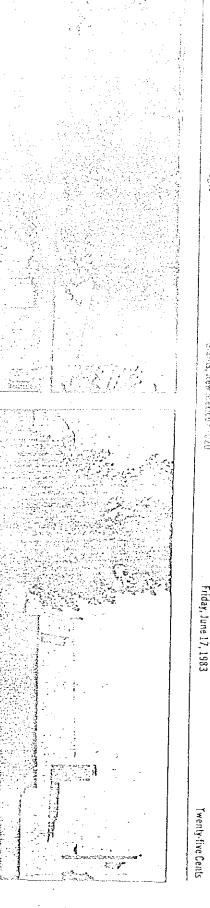
altorney meeting with the company, and a number of residents have relained an Residents of the area have been

"Famestake will continue to carry—the company made the suggestion of

hooking into the existing Milan water system, and since that time have been meeting with village and second education.

county officials on the process.
The agreement, announced today,
will become effective after the public District Court, Homestake officials has an opportunity to comment on it and following approval by the U.S.

The extension of the water system is expected to be completed in 1961



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